this procedure any pilferage tampering enroute is sought to be obviated. Additionally, the LPG marketing companies keep a watch over the operations of the transporters and take action including termination and blacklisting, if a case of malpractice is established.

Working of Eastern Coal Fields

950. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the Committee set up by Government to scrutinise the working of the Eastern Coal Fields, the ECL has become a sick enterprise;

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings and the recommendations of the Committee to rehabilitate, the coalfields; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) A committee headed by Shri K. S. Chari, former Secretary, Department of Coal, appointed by the Government to make an indepth study of working of Eastern Coalfields Limited in its report has *inter-alia* made a passing observation about Eastern Coalfields Limited becoming a 'sick enterprise' on account of several problems which are hardly encountered by most other companies. The Committee has further *inter-alia* observed that in view of the very high cost of production and extremely low output permanshift in some of the mines, such coal mines deserve to be closed to make the company viable.

Various measures being adopted to increase production and productivity in the company include investment in new mines, fuller utilisation of mining capacity already created, more efficient use and better maintenance of equipment, a stricter control of inventory and economy in the use of stores, better use of manpower by controlling absenteeism and enforcing discipline and identification of surplus workers and their redeployment after suitable training, expeditious and timely completion of new projects and improvement in law and order situation, ushering in of new technology in collaboration with foreign countries who have necessary expertise etc.

Industrial Licences

951. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the number of industrial licences issued during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): A Statement is enclosed.

Statement

State-wise break up of number of Industrial Licences issued During the Years 1983, 1984 *and* 1985

State/Union Territory	1983	1984	1985
1	2	3	4
1. Andhra Pradesh	63	45	70
2. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	..	..	2
3. Arunachal Pradesh	2	3	6
4. Assam	22	8	12
5. Bihar	29	26	29

1	2	3	4
6. Chandigarh	3	1	6
7. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	..	1	2
9. Delhi	18	19	7
9. Goa, Daman & Diu	3	10	4
10. Gujarat	115	82	69
11. Haryana	59	46	46
12. Himachal Pradesh	5	5	12
13. Jammu & Kashmir	10	8	5
14. Karnataka	65	49	69
15. Kerala	22	21	24
16. Madhya Pradesh	30	36	39
17. Maharashtra	171	140	134
18. Nagaland	2	2	..
19. Orissa	14	15	25
20. Pondicherry	3	3	12
21. Punjab	169	94	72
22. Rajasthan	25	25	38
23. Sikkim	..	2	..
24. Tamil Nadu	76	85	177
25. Tripura	..	1	..
26. Uttar Pradesh	98	80	79
27. West Bengal	71	93	51
28. State not indicated/more than one state	..	5	3
Total :	1075	905	985

Investment in Industries

952. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new investment is being made only in chemicals and electronics industry and not in other industrial fields;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to encourage investment in other industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Investment decisions in various industries are generally encouraged by factors like changes in industrial licensing and import policies, price and distribution policies as well as monetary and fiscal incentives.

Rohtas Industries Dalmia Nagar, Bihar

953. SHRI MARUTI DHYANOO MANE (PATIL): Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of Rohtas Industries Limited, Dalminanagar (Bihar) have not yet been paid even a single instalment of their arrears of pay despite the